

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2571**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Sharon Runner**

February 22, 2008

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An act to add Section 11174.2 to the Penal Code, relating to child abuse investigations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2571, as introduced, Sharon Runner. Child abuse investigations: reports: foster care.

Existing law provides for the regulation of various community care facilities, including foster care providers, by the State Department of Social Services.

Existing law provides for the investigation of child abuse by the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services under regulations adopted by the Attorney General.

Under existing law the Department of Justice is required, in cooperation with the State Department of Social Services, to prescribe by regulation, guidelines for the investigation of child abuse or neglect, in facilities licensed to care for children, and to ensure that the investigation is conducted in accordance with the regulations and guidelines.

This bill would provide that the regulations shall require that any report of an investigation resulting from a complaint of child abuse by a foster care provider that contains a conclusion of the investigator that the complaint is substantiated or inconclusive shall also include a detailed explanation of the investigator's reason or reasons for making that determination.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 11174.2 is added to the Penal Code, to  
2     read:  
3     11174.2. Regulations adopted by the Department of Justice  
4     pursuant to Section 11174.1 shall require that any report of an  
5     investigation resulting from a complaint of child abuse by a foster  
6     care provider that contains a conclusion of the investigator that  
7     the complaint is substantiated or inconclusive shall also include a  
8     detailed explanation of the investigator's reason or reasons for  
9     making that determination.

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